

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 12, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. KIRKWOOD, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill S. 1234.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1234) amending an act entitled "An act granting a pension to William R. Browne," approved February 7, 1879, have considered the same, and report:

William R. Browne was pensioned by special act approved February 7, 1879. His disability was rated at three-fourths by the Pension Office, and his pension at \$22.50 per month.

The bill proposes to rate his disability as total, and his pension at \$30 per month, and to date his pension from the date of his discharge from the Navy, in which he had served as volunteer lieutenant-commander, and from which he was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

The evidence in the case shows that Mr. Browne was examined by Examining Surgeon Graham April 20, 1876, who reported him to be totally disabled, and entitled to a pension of \$30 per month, if to any amount. His application for pension was rejected for the reason that the proof submitted to the Pension Office tending to show that his disability resulted from wounds or disease contracted in the service in the line of duty was not satisfactory.

After the passage of the special act for his relief he was again examined (March 19, 1879) by a board of examining surgeons, who fixed his disability at three-fourths; and the Pension Office, accepting the latter finding, fixed his pension at \$22.50 per month.

He has been since examined by Thomas Owens, M. D., February 16, 1880; by D. W. Bliss, M. D., February 6, 1880; by Horatio M. Bigelow, M. D., February 2, 1880; and by A. P. Garnett, M. D., February 10, 1880; all of whom concur in certifying that he is totally disabled.

Your committee are of opinion that Mr. Browne is receiving the amount of pension to which the disability under which he is suffering entitles him, and therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

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